1	2	3	4	5
5.	Modernisation of jetties in 1992-93 under Centrally Sponsored Sector	—	50	Scheme not sanctioned.
6.	Development of West Coast Canal between Kollam and Kovalam under Central Sector	—	—	Scheme not sanctioned.

(d) It is too early to indicate the time schedule for completion of above mentioned proposals/projects as these projects have either not been sanctioned or sanctioned very recently.

Study of Expert Group on Driver Manual

424. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that according to a study conducted by the Experts Group on formulation of Driver Manual, the drivers of buses and trucks are responsible for majority of fatal accidents in the country; and

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to take to make the issuing of driving licence more strict?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) No study, as such, has been conducted by the Experts Group which met recently in Delhi under the auspicies of Indian Road Traffic Education, New Delhi for formulation of a driver's manual. It is, however, true that drivers of buses and trucks are responsible for a significant number of fatal accidents in the country.

The Central Government have been reiterating to the State Governments from time to time to be extremely strict on the issue of driving licences, taking into account the provisions of the Motor Vehicles Act 1988.

Central Assistance for Maintenance of National Highways

425. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise demand for the Central Government's assistance for maintenance of National Highways in the current financial year; and

(b) the percentage thereof provided so far by Government, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) A statement is attached (*see below*) However, due to inadequacy of funds in comparision with actual requirements, the demands of State Government cannot be met in full.

Statement

Central assistance for maintenance of National Highways

(Rs. in lakhs)

1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	2336.816	849.50	36.35
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	Not received yet	18.50	*N.A.
3.	Assam	2257.273	632.49	28.02
4.	Bihar	2696.311	750.42	27.83

1	2	3	4	5
5.	Chandigarh	15.843	10.00	63.12
6.	Delhi	Not received yet	100.00	*N.A.
7.	Goa	139.56	132.02	94.60
8	Gujarat	1363.24	523.81	38.42
9.	Haryana	Not received yet	245.07	*N.A.
10.	Himachal Pradesh	191.30 (part)	282.88	*N.A.
11.	Jammu and Kashmir	13.32 (ordinary repairs only)	25.00	*N.A.
12.	Karnataka	1103.11	647.00	58.65
13.	Kerala	972.40	384.32	39.52
14.	Madhya Pradesh	1964.00	864.17	44.00
15.	Maharashtra	2514.241	1086.13	43.20
16.	Manipur	50.58 (ordinary repairs only)	51.00	*N.A.
17.	Meghalaya	197.43	124.21	62.91
18.	Nagaland	5.524	3.50	63.36
19.	Pondicherry	7.02	6.52	92.88
20.	Orissa	1256.00	519.83	41.39
21.	Punjab	596.41	349.28	58.56
22.	Rajasthan	2216.89	757.23	34.16
23.	Tamil Nadu	1304.40	724.69	55.56
24.	Uttar Pradesh	1144.00	962.75	84.16
25.	West Bengal	1770.47	723.71	40.88

*N.A.—Not applicable yet

Guidelines for the State Road Transport Corporations

426. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission has laid down a new policy guidelines for the State Road Transport Corporations regarding uneconomic routes, surplus labour and privatisation of bus routes; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and (b) The Planning Commission have recommended to the State Governments the following guidelines while formulating the States Annual Plans of the road transport sector:

(1) Operational efficiency of the SRTUs must improve.

(2) SRTUs should gradually make room for Private Sector except in cases where Private Sector is unlikely to come.

(3) There should be no expansion of SRTUs.

Additional Buses by DTC

427. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of additional buses put on road by the DTC to ease the transport problems of the commuters;

(b) to what extent the situation has improved; and